

SILESTRIA GIVEN UP BY VON MACKENSEN IS LATEST REPORT

Bulgarians and Germans Continue Their Retreat in Dobrudja, Rome Is Told.

RUSS HAVE RESUMED VARNA BOMBARDMENT

Berlin Admits Enemy Is Attacking on Both Flanks, But Claims Success.

SOFIA REPORTS VICTORY

Twenty Entente Battalions Routed on Line of Casioi Engineer, According to Official Ad- vices of Yesterday.

ROME, September 23, via London, 12:52 p.m.—The retreat of the German army under Field Marshal von Mackensen in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja continues, according to a telegram received by the wireless press today from Switzerland.

The Danube fortress of Silestria, recently captured by the Germans and Bulgarians, is said to have been abandoned to the Russian and Rumanian forces.

Russian naval forces in the Black sea are said to have resumed their bombardment of the Bulgarian seaport of Varna.

Von Mackensen Is Flanked.

LONDON, September 23.—That all is not going well with Gen. von Mackensen's offensive campaign in the Dobrudja, notwithstanding Bulgarian claims to the contrary, is indicated in the latest official dispatch from Berlin, which says Russian and Rumanian troops in Dobrudja have been attacking von Mackensen on both flanks of the main line. The attacks, which on the west flank were against the Danube and on the east against the Tzarna Buzhva, forced him to retreat to the southwest of Tzarna Buzhva, 14 miles northwest of Constantza, was repulsed, it is claimed.

Bulgarian Report

The Bulgarian war office statement of September 22 says troops of the central army have defeated an entire force comprising more than twenty battalions on the Dobrudja front. The hostile attack was beaten off and the forces engaged in it routed by a counter attack and pursued by our cavalry, says the statement, which reads: "A battle occurred on the line of Constantza, Kozlevo and Kozlevo. The enemy attacked with about twenty battalions, three batteries and six squadrons, being routed by a counter attack and pursued by our cavalry until dark.

Trenches Are Captured by Bulgarian Forces on Macedonian Front

BERLIN, September 23, by wireless to Berlin.—Bulgarian successes on the Macedonian front on the extreme west end of the line and east of the Vardar, are announced in the Bulgarian official statement of September 22. Trenches between Florina and Kozlevo were captured, while in the Vardar region an attack by entente troops provoked by artillery preparations was repulsed. The official statement reads: "Macedonian front.—On the heights of the Stranitsa, Planina, between Lake Ohrid and Florina, north of Bliza, Bulgarian infantry was dispersed by our artillery fire. We captured some trenches.

British Raid Trenches.

LONDON, September 23.—"On the Balkan front our patrol successfully raided enemy trenches in the neighborhood of Komarjan, causing casualties," says the official report of today in regard to the Macedonian campaign.

"Our naval aircraft bombarded an enemy transport ship at night, apparently with good results. On the Dardanelles front we raided enemy trenches at three points.

UNIONMEN ASKED TO STAY AT HOME

"Sympathetic Walk-Out" in New York Scheduled for Next Wednesday Morning.

NOT A CALL TO STRIKE, BUT JUST A SUSPENSION

Unwilling to Risk Their Lives by Riding on Cars Operated by Green Crews.

NEW YORK, September 23.—Trade unions in this city and Westchester county today began to vote on the question of ratifying the action of eighty delegates who yesterday called for a "general suspension of work" next Wednesday morning. The labor chiefs appealed to all union wage earners to stay at home until the traction companies make it possible for them to ride in the street cars without offense to their union allegiance.

It is asserted that no such action heretofore has been taken by the trades unions of this country, nor has a strike involving so many trades ever been called. Its maximum effect would call from work 750,000 men and women.

Not a "Sympathetic Strike."

Leaders of the movement refrain from calling it a sympathetic strike. They declare that many of the unions already have voted to ratify their recommendation, and that any union man who does not quit work Wednesday will be denounced as a traitor.

900 Special Policemen

To enforce the police Commissioner Woods has instructed the captains to select ten civilians in each precinct to be sworn in as special policemen. This would add about 900 men to the department.

International Officers Present.

Officers of several international unions attended the conference. Among them was T. V. O'Connor of Buffalo, president of the International Longshoremen's Organization.

Unwilling to Risk Lives.

The call is based upon the proposition that union men "cannot maintain their self-respect" if they ride upon cars operated by strikebreakers, according to a statement issued by Ernest Bohm, secretary of the Central Federated Union. In cases where contracts exist, Bohm said, the employers will be not to transport the workers have no means of transportation, and if the employers cannot provide transportation, the workers must remain at their homes.

MILK PRODUCERS FOR CITY DAIRY PLAN

Nearly 1,500 From Maryland, Virginia and D. C. Meet and Organize.

ACTION FOLLOWS REPORT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Agree to Assess Themselves for the Expenses of Association—Strike Possibility Is Discouraged.

Between fourteen and fifteen hundred milk producers of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia banded themselves together today in a convention at the Raleigh Hotel, to work for a municipal dairy in Washington, following a veiled intimation that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are favorable to such a project.

They agreed to assess themselves for the expenses of an organization to bring about a municipal dairy here, such as it was said "is to be found everywhere in Europe," and they formed executive committees, committees on legislative action and municipal regulation, etc., to be composed of one member from each Maryland and Virginia county, "which shall bring pressure to bear on members of the House and Senate," as one dairyman phrased it, "to see that they obey our will or get out of Congress."

The action of the producers was taken as the result of a report submitted by a committee of seven of the old Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia Milk Producers' Association.

This report was adopted, and resolutions to carry out its recommendations were immediately passed. The working organization of the producers, which has for its object the bringing about of higher prices to the dairymen, for which they have waged a campaign for several weeks, will include the establishment of offices in Washington, with the employment of a high-salaried general manager.

No Special Inquiry by U. S.

Coincidentally, the scope of the investigation in the United States by the Department of Agriculture was outlined today in a statement declaring that it has no plans for a new investigation of reported increases in milk prices.

Milk Producers are Urged to Procure Establishment of a Municipal Dairy Here

The report of the committee of seven of the Milk Producers' Association, Judson C. Welliver, chairman, which was presented to the convention of producers at the Raleigh Hotel today, was an exhaustive analysis of milk production and distribution in the United States.

Work Already Begun.

Many children already have started to save their papers, and also ask their friends to help them in the campaign so that their particular school may rank first in the amount of money collected.

To Discuss Paper Situation.

A special meeting of the Florida Press Association has been called for October 6 for the purpose of discussing the print paper situation. One subject included in the call of President Oscar T. Conklin of Miami is the feasibility of Florida publishers establishing a paper mill of their own.

Tennessee G. O. P. Begins Campaign.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., September 23.—Tennessee republicans launched their campaign in the state today, former Gov. Ben W. Hooper, nominee for the Senate, speaking in Elizabethton, Carter county. The party is preparing for an aggressive campaign in the state.

William Page Andrews Dies in Rome

ROME, September 22, 8 p.m.—William Page Andrews, an American writer, died today.



WILL DETAIL PLANS TO SCHOOL PUPILS

Suggested Sale of Old Newspapers, Benefit of Playgrounds, to Be Tried.

Detailed plans for the collection of old newspapers by school children, as suggested by The Star, are to be made immediately after the opening of the school year, October 2. This was explained by officials of the public schools today.

The papers are to be sold by the schools and the money derived therefrom used for playgrounds and other social activities. In accordance with the plan outlined by The Star and approved by the board of education at its last meeting, the first step which will be taken in arranging for the collection of the old papers probably will be the calling of a meeting of supervising principals for a discussion of plans. These will be matters of detail only, however, the board of education having approved the general scheme.

Date to Be Selected.

At this meeting, it is probable that a certain day will be set aside each week for the collection of the papers from schools of certain groups. Schools that are near together will have collections made from them the same day, of course.

The children will be asked to deliver the papers at their school building the day prior to the day on which a collection is to be made from that particular building. The papers will not be left at some designated point, probably in the basement. There the papers will be taken by the janitor.

By not leaving the papers for several days or a week in the building, it is explained, no great quantities of paper will accumulate to "get in the way" and possibly make difficulties for the janitor and others concerned.

Interesting Pictures Tomorrow in the Planogram Section

Everybody likes, and likes to see, a happy, smiling "kid," and the Planogram section of the Washington Post will have a chance to see eleven such "kids" tomorrow. The pictures, taken by the Washington Post, will be shown in the Planogram section of the paper tomorrow.

RULED NOT TO BE ELIGIBLE.

National Guard Officers Not Included in Reserve Corps.

According to a ruling of the War Department, commissioned officers of the National Guard are not eligible for appointment as officers in the Reserve Corps created by the national defense act of June last. It was held that National Guard officers already bear a relation to the government which is equivalent to that which would be established by appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps and therefore such appointments would be for the attainment of the purpose of the law creating the corps.

TOMORROW

"TEN-MILLION-DOLLAR GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT" IS TO BE VISITED BY MANY CITIZENS. The plant is located in the city of Washington and is one of the largest and most modern armor plants in the world.

"THE TRUTH ABOUT LAUGH-TER"

BRUCE tells you why you should laugh. The book is a collection of humorous stories and jokes.

"FRANK G. CARPENTER VISITS A REGION WHERE BOILING WATER BUBBLES THROUGH ICE"

Another of this series of articles about unusual and interesting things and places in Alaska.

"THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE"

An impressive story of an American aviator in the French flying corps, by EARL DERR BIGGERS.

"NICARAGUA'S ELECTION UNDER EYE OF UNITED STATES"

A timely article, replete with little-known facts, by CHARLES M. PEPPER.

"THEIR BUSINESS IS PICKING UP THE DEAD"

A two-page spread of photographs of men and women who, literally, earn a living by picking up the dead.

"WOUNDED FRENCH SOLDIERS ARE HOUSED IN PALACES OF KINGS"

A vivid story showing grim war as the great leveler, by STERLING HEILIG.

"THE GIRL BEYOND THE TRAIL"

By JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD—the concluding chapter of this remarkable serial.

"THE RAMBLER RECALLS OLD SOUTH WASHINGTON FAMILIES"

Gen. Trevino is up against a fact that cannot be explained away. He was caught napping by Villa. A soldier has an excuse for getting whipped, but he has no excuse for being caught on his guard. The result is he finds he must make extreme claims to clear his reputation as a soldier.

GEN. BELL'S REPORT WINNING CREDENCE

Gen. Scott, Chief of Staff, Sees No Reason to Doubt Villista's Story.

Secretaries Lansing and Baker today discussed various phases of Mexican affairs, including the renewed activity of Villa and the possibility of his again becoming a military factor. While awaiting official versions from the Carranza government of the fight at Chihuahua City a week ago officials said the report of Brig. Gen. Bell at El Paso was the most reliable yet received.

SURE OF HIS INFORMATION.

Gen. Bell Has No Desire Further to Investigate Chihuahua Battle.

EL PASO, Tex., September 23.—"I am confident that my information regarding Villa's attack on Chihuahua City is accurate, therefore I do not see that any further investigation is necessary on my part," was Gen. Bell's comment last night on being informed that he had been invited by Gen. Trevino to send a special agent to Chihuahua to ascertain the facts.

LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIRED FOR SELLING "NEAR BEER"

Announcement Made Following Conference Between Excise Board and Agents of Brewers.

No more "near beer" will be sold to establishments in Washington not provided with liquor licenses.

IN THE SUNDAY STAR

BOOSTING A PLAN FOR CAVALRY FORCE

Gen. Harvey and Others Suggest Squadron to Be Known as "President's Own."

ESORT TO EXECUTIVE ON STATE OCCASIONS

Proposition Submitted to War Department for Formation of Organization in Nation's Capital.

The "President's Own Squadron," as an official escort for the President on state occasions, is to be organized here, if present plans can be carried out.

Troop A to Be Included.

The proposed squadron is to consist of four troops, the first of which is to be the present Troop A, N. G. D. C., and will be under the command of Capt. James H. Washburn, at present commanding Troop A. Capt. Edward M. Nevils of the Quartermaster Corps, local National Guard, has been designated commander of the first new troop, or Troop B, recruiting for which will tentatively begin as soon as permission is secured from the War Department.

Origin of the Plan.

The plan originated when Sergts. E. H. Coolidge and John W. Thompson of Troop A were assigned with Capt. Nevils on local guard recruiting duty. Acting upon the request of a number of business men that a cavalry troop for business men be formed as a part of the local guard organization, these two sergeants, in consultation with Gen. Harvey and Maj. Castner, the plan met with their hearty approval, and it is expected that with their initiation the only new troop to be formed with difficulty from the War Department to go ahead with the actual raising of the organization.

Designation of Commanders.

Troop commanders are to be designated before the organization of a troop actually begins, and examinations for other commissioned officers will be held, to which non-commissioned officers and members of the new succeeding troop will be eligible.

Record of Troop A an Example.

That it is possible for the plan, as brought up by Capt. Nevils and Sergts. Coolidge and Thompson, can succeed, they pointed to the record of the present Troop A, which was formed in October, 1915, by Robert Hickman of the University Club.

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LONDON, September 23, 2:35 p.m.

A strongly fortified system of German trenches on a front of about a half mile east of Courcellette, in the Somme region, were captured by the British last night, the war office announced today.

West of Mouquet farm the Germans counter attacked at nightfall yesterday with great violence, but were driven back by British fire with heavy losses.

Apparently the Franco-British forces on the Somme are preparing to close their grip on Combles, the important town on the Albert-Peronne railroad, six miles northwest of Peronne, which has been virtually pocketed by the allies in their recent operations. Last night the French war office reported the capture of a small fortified position and some trench sections close to Combles, and today it announces that French patrols have penetrated still nearer the edge of the town, bringing back prisoners. Raiding operations such as these are commonly preludes to more comprehensive and forceful movements.

Great Aerial Activity.

On the French front south of the Somme the artillery is active, probably in preparation for assaults. Airmen on both the British and French sections of the line have been busy. Yesterday French aviators took part in fifty-six aerial engagements, in which four German machines were shot down.

French Communication.

The text of the French announcement follows: "South of the River Somme last night passed in relative quiet. French patrols making their way to the southern boundaries of the village of Combles found numerous German dead on the field. These detachments captured fifteen German prisoners, including one officer.

Brings Down Tenth Aero.

In the region of Verdun Adjt. Lenoir attacked a German aeroplane at very close quarters and brought down his opponent within the German lines at a point north of Douaumont. This makes the tenth enemy machine destroyed up to the present time by Adjt. Lenoir.

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